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SUBJ: AMCIT AUTO ACCIDENT IN SOUTHERN POLAND

1. MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL FRANKEL AND FIVE CHILDREN OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, WERE INVOLVED IN A AUTO ACCIDENT IN SOUTHERN POLAND ON MONDAY, AUGUST 7. CHILDREN SUSTAINED MINOR INJURIES: MR. AND MRS. FRANKEL SUSTAINED COMPOUND/COMPLEX FRACTURES-EACH TO ONE LEG.
2. MR.* FRANKEL UNDERWENT SURGERY IN LATE AFTERNOON SAME DAY. HE WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO CONSOFF WHO VISITED HOSPITAL BUT POLISH DOCTORS STATED THAT THIS CONDITION HAD BEEN STABLIZED BUT THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BE MOVED FOR FOUR OR FIVE DAYS.
3. MRS. FRANKEL WAS LESS SERIOUSLY INJURED AND HAS INFORMED CONSOFF THAT SHE DOES NOT WISH TO BE TREATED IN POLAND BUT WISHES TO RETURN TO CLEVELAND FOR TREATMENT. HER LEG HAS THUS NOT BEEN SET. POLISH DOCTORS HAVE INFORMED CONSOFF THAT TREATMENT CAN BE DELAYED, IF NECESSARY FOR ANOTHER 48 HOURS. CONSULATE AND EMBASSY DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY OF PASSAGE OF MRS.FRANKEL FROM WARSAW TO CLEVELAND WITH PANAM AND LOT POLISH AIRLINES. CONSOFF ALSO DISCUSSING WITH POLISH DOCOTRS POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFER OF MRS. FRANKEL TO KRAKOW ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC OR VIENNA IF OPTION OF TRAVEL TO CLEVELAND PROVES TO BE IM-POSSIBLE

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4. CHILDREN'S INJURIES CONSIST OF ONE MINOR CONCUSSION AND ONE BADLY CUT LEG- IF TRAVEL ARRANGED FOR MRS. FRANKEL IT IS HOPED THAT ALL CHILDREN BUT OLDEST WOULD TRAVEL WITH MOTHER, OLDEST WILL REMAIN WITH FATHER.
5. FOR VIENNA: FRANKELS STATE THAT THEY ARE QUOTE PERSONAL FRIENDS OF AMBASSADOR WOLF UNQUOTE. WE SHALL KEPT AMBASSADOR ADVISED.

6. FOR STATE: PLEASE CONTACT, IF POSSIBLE, DR. JAMES KAUFMAN OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO, NO ADDRESS OR PHONE AVAILABLE, WHO IS FAMILY'S PERSONAL DOCTOR AND ADVISE HIM OF SITUATION AND POSSIBILITY THAT MRS. FRANKEL MAY BE RETURNING SHORTLY TO CLEVELAND FOR TREATMENT. IF UNABLE TO CONTACT DR. JAMES KAUFMAN DEPARTMENT SHOULD TRY DR. RICHARD KAUFMAN OF THE SEVERANCE MEDICAL BUILDING IN CLEVELAND HEIGHTS WHO IS THEIR ORTHOPEDIC DOCTOR OR DR. HENRY SAUNDERS OF WARRENSVILLE ROAD, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS WHO IS THE CHILDREN'S DOCTOR.

7. CONSULATE WILL ADVISE EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT OF ANY FIRM DECISION REGARDING MRS. FRANKEL'S TRAVEL AND TREATMENT.
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